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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECLARATION ON THE GRANTING OF INDEPENDENCE TO COLONIAL COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES BY THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

Report of the Secretary-General

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. At its forty-ninth session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 49/41 of 9 December 1994 concerning the implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations. In paragraph 18 of that resolution, the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to continue to assist the specialized agencies and other organizations of the United Nations system in working out appropriate measures for implementing the relevant resolutions of the United Nations and to prepare for submission to the relevant bodies, with the assistance of those agencies and organizations, a report on the action taken in implementation of the relevant resolutions, including that resolution, since the circulation of his previous report.

2. In a letter dated 15 March 1995, the Secretary-General transmitted the text of the resolution to the executive heads of the following specialized agencies and international institutions forming part of or associated with the United Nations, and invited them to submit the information requested for inclusion in the report referred to in the above paragraph:

United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)

United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD)

United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)

United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

World Food Programme (WFP)

Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR)

International Labour Organization (ILO)

Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)

United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)

International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

World Health Organization (WHO)

World Bank

International Monetary Fund (IMF)

Universal Postal Union (UPU)

International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

World Meteorological Organization (WMO)

International Maritime Organization (IMO)

World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD)

United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO)

International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

League of Arab States (LAS)

Organization of African Unity (OAU)

Organization of American States (OAS)

3. Given below are summaries of the replies received by the Secretary-General from the international organizations concerned in response to the above-mentioned letter (for the contribution of UNDP, see E/1995/85, Introduction).

4. Summaries of additional replies received, together with such further information as may become available on relevant activities undertaken by the organizations concerned during the year, will be circulated in addenda to the present report.

5. In addition, the Secretary-General transmitted the text of the resolution to the various departments and other units of the United Nations Secretariat. Information received in that regard will also be circulated in addenda to the present report.

II. REPLIES FROM THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS FORMING PART OF OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS

UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION

[Original: English]

[15 May 1995]

Pursuant to article IV of the United Nations-Universal Postal Union (UPU) Agreement, the twenty-first Universal Postal Congress, held at Seoul from 22 August to 14 September 1994, had before it a report on the implementation by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples. After noting the measures adopted by UPU during the five-year period 1990-1994, the Congress took decision C 57/1994 (annex) aimed at stepping up efforts, to the extent of its possibilities and available resources, to increase assistance to these countries, adapting its activities to

changes in the situation in the regions concerned and as part of a coordinated action plan.

Annex

Decision C 57/1994. Implementation by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples 1/

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Notes

- The Director-General's report on implementation by the specialized agencies of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples;

- The efforts made by UPU to aid refugees and Non-Self-Governing Territories as well as the newly independent countries and the least developed countries (LDCs);

Decides

To step up efforts to the extent of its possibilities and available resources to increase assistance to these countries, adapting its activities to changes in the situation in the regions concerned and as part of a coordinated action plan.

INTERNATIONAL MARITIME ORGANIZATION

[Original: English]

[9 December 1994]

The International Maritime Organization (IMO) actively assists Governments of States and Territories in the wider Caribbean region to prepare contingency plans for responding to maritime incidents involving spillages of oil and other hazardous substances. This task is facilitated by the IMO Regional Consultant on Marine Pollution, Port Safety and Security posted in Puerto Rico. Within the framework of follow-up both to the IMO 1990 Convention and the UNEP Caribbean Action Plan for protection of the marine environment, IMO organized a subregional meeting of government-designated experts of the island States and Territories of the wider Caribbean on oil spill contingency planning. This was held at Caracas, Netherlands Antilles, from 23 to 27 November 1992. The list of participants included Anguilla, the British Virgin Islands, the Cayman Islands, Montserrat and the Turks and Caicos Islands.

1/ Congress, Doc. 25, 10th plenary meeting.

In addition, under the IMO subprogramme for the protection of the marine environment (1993-1995), the participants in the above-mentioned meeting can have access to advisory services, training, research and information materials in the area of marine pollution prevention.